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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Jocelyn Boyd, Chief Clerk of the Commission
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
Post Office Drawer 11649
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

**Re: Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC's Petition to Revise Its Electric
Utility Plant Depreciation Expense Rates
Docket No. 2013-____-E**

Dear Mrs. Boyd:

On behalf of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC ("DEC"), enclosed please find for filing with the Commission a Petition for an Accounting Order to adopt new depreciation rates effective April 1, 2012. By copy of this letter we are serving the same on the Office of Regulatory Staff.

The result of the new study is a reduction of DEC's annual depreciation expense in the amount of \$5.9 million for all accounts. The reduction is primarily due to an overall increase in the expected life of assets.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Respectfully submitted,

Timika Shafeek-Horton

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Enclosure

cc: Shannon Bowyer Hudson, Esq.